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Lobby... lobby... to be Minister

Congress MLAs camp in Delhi; hold parleys aggressively trying to get ministerial berths

Acting Chief Minister Siddaramaiah seen having breakfast with former Ministers and MLAs, who are lobbying for Cabinet berths, at a restaurant in Delhi this morning.

Bengaluru, June 2 (DM)- With D.K. Shivakumar set to take oath as the new Chief Minister of Karnataka at Lok Bhavan (earlier Raj Bhavan) in Bengaluru at 4.05 pm tomorrow (June 3), Congress MLAs aspiring for ministerial berths and key portfolios have intensified their lobbying efforts in New Delhi by meeting senior leaders of the Party High Command.

As a large number of Congress legislators are camping in the National capital, the focus of Karnataka Congress politics has effectively shifted to Delhi.

(See LOBBY on page 8)

Cops pat their own back!

- 'Lok Spandana,' a system where citizens scan QR code at Police Station to give feedback on Police service, fully operated by Police personnel themselves
- Citizens, fearful of Police, give OTP to Police personnel, who then enter their own feedback

Mysuru, June 2 (KS)- The Karnataka Police introduced the 'Lok Spandana' feedback system about two years ago to enhance transparency, accountability and citizen-friendliness at Police Stations.

Under this initiative, every Police Station has been assigned a unique QR code, enabling visitors and complainants to record their feedback on interactions with Police personnel. Citizens are encouraged to scan QR code displayed at Police stations using their mobile phones and submit their responses directly.

However, an incident at the Metagalli Police Station has raised questions about the implementation of the system.

Incident details

On May 30, a complainant visited the Metagalli Police Station to submit a Court-issued injunction order in connection with a civil dispute, as advised by their advocate.

Mysuru City Police
Please scan and give your valuable feedback/ suggestions to strengthen people friendly police system.
HELP US, TO HELP YOU !

The public feedback QR code at Metagalli Police Station.

Upon arrival, the visitor was asked by personnel at the reception to enter details such as name and purpose of visit in the station register. They were then directed to meet the Police Inspector, who, in turn, asked them to approach the Sub-Inspector.

(See COPS on page 5)

Son says NO to... Sanatana Dharma but mother says YES

DMK leader Udhayanidhi Stalin's mother Durga Stalin visits Chamundi Hill and other temples around Mysuru

Durga Stalin, wife of former Tamil Nadu CM M.K. Stalin, seen after offering prayers at Chamundi Hill temple.

Mysuru, June 2 (BCT)- Former Tamil Nadu Chief Minister and Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (DMK) President M.K. Stalin's wife, Durga Stalin, visited prominent temples in and around Mysuru yesterday, even as her son and former Deputy Chief Minister Udhayanidhi Stalin continues to court controversy over his remarks on *Sanatana Dharma.*

Arriving from Kodagu, Durga, known for her deep religious beliefs, was accompanied by her sister Jayanti, Indira Rajendran, wife of former Tiruvallur MLA Rajendran and an aide, Rajkumar.

The group first visited the Nimishamba Temple in Srirangapatna and later proceeded to Chamundi Hill, where they offered prayers at Sri Chamundeshwari Temple, Mysuru.

What attracted attention during the visit was that a puja at the Chamundeshwari Temple was performed in the name of Udhayanidhi Stalin, who has repeatedly abused *Sanatana Dharma.*

Ahead of the recent Tamil Nadu Assembly elections, Udhayanidhi Stalin had sparked a political storm after describing *Sanatana Dharma* as "a social disease that must be eradicated." He then again reiterated his position, saying that any ideology that discriminates against people must be abolished, once again triggering political debate over his views on *Sanatana Dharma.*

Observers have often pointed to the contrast between the public positions taken by Udhayanidhi Stalin and the personal religious beliefs of Durga Stalin, who is widely regarded as a devout Hindu and a regular visitor to temples.

Known to be humble, Durga and her entourage stood in the queue along with other devotees and did not avail themselves of the VIP protocol.

It may be recalled that Durga Stalin had also visited the famed Kollur Mookambika Temple in May this year.

To Our Readers

Turn to page-6 for an exclusive interview with acclaimed Historian and Researcher Dr. Vikram Sampath.—**Ed**

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Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Tuesday 2nd June 2026

BABU'S BANTER

By M.V. Nagendra Babu

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

FROM WASTE TO WORTH, THE MOTTAINAI WAY: ***Most of us grew up hearing a familiar refrain from our parents and grandparents: finish everything on your plate; do not waste even a grain of rice. In Japan, this 'grandma sentiment' finds expression in the word*** *mottainai.* ***For example, throwing away perfectly good food is*** *mottainai.* ***It means it is a pity to waste not just food, but effort, care and life itself.***

At its core, *mottainai* ***is a philosophy of mindful living. It urges us to use resources fully, avoid excess and recognise the life and effort embedded in everything we consume. When leftover rice becomes fried rice or porridge the next day or when vegetable peels are turned into stock or compost, the act goes beyond saving money. It is not merely thriftiness but an acknowledgement of the labour of farmers, the nourishment of the soil and the resources consumed in bringing food to the table.***

The idea gained global prominence through Nobel Peace Prize winner and Kenyan environmentalist Wangari Maathai. She described *mottainai* ***as a powerful 'single-word idea' that not only encompasses the 3Rs — reduce, reuse and recycle — of environmental protection activities but also adds a crucial fourth pillar, respect: respect for irreplaceable earth resources, for people and for life itself.***

The spirit of *mottainai* ***is evident in many everyday practices. Volunteers who collect surplus food from restaurants and share it with the needy embody this principle. Repair shops that fix household appliances, children mending their toys and families repurposing old clothes — such as turning worn*** *sarees* ***into quilts or cushion covers — are all expressions of*** *mottainai* ***in action.***

Modern technology often pits convenience against sustainability. Frequent upgrades driven by trends lead to mounting electronic waste. However, simple actions — like replacing a battery or fixing a cracked screen — can significantly extend a device's lifespan, thus reducing electronic waste and combating one of today's fastest growing environmental threats. Water conservation provides another urgent application. Rainwater harvesting, reusing water from rinsing vegetables for plants or collecting wastewater from RO units for cleaning allows households to live out the *mottainai* ***ethic. Ultimately,*** *mottainai* ***is not about deprivation; it is about appreciation, as explained in the children's picture book*** *Mottainai Grandma* ***in a friendly way. It teaches us to value our possessions, use them wisely and cultivate gratitude. By wasting less, we live more harmoniously with the world around us.***

— Jayanthi Chandrasekaran in Deccan Herald

NEWS SPARKLERS

Man balances chainsaw on chin!

Idaho: A man from Idaho broke a potentially deadly Guinness World Record he has pledged to never attempt again: The longest duration balancing a running chainsaw on the chin.

David Rush, who holds the most concurrent Guinness World Records titles, attempted the record and the record-keeping organisation has now confirmed he officially holds the title.

He opted to use an electric chainsaw instead of a gas-powered tool for the attempt, to prevent the jerky and unpredictable motions of a two-stroke engine.

Rush said there were still numerous obstacles involved, including oil dripping from the blade onto his face, necessitating the use of safety goggles. "I had to keep the centre of gravity just above my chin while the blade spun inches from my face. The oil dripped down and my nerves ramped up," Rush said.

Man tears down home after wife files for divorce

Butler County: A man was so outraged by his wife's divorce filing that he got into an excavator and started tearing their house down with his spouse and two daughters still inside.

After destroying the back of his family's house at Butler County, Pennsylvania,, the man, Pierwsza, allegedly went inside, took his gym bag and went into town, where he was apprehended by Police and taken into custody.

He now faces several legal charges, including causing a catastrophe, reckless endangerment and disorderly conduct.

Although the damage done to the house doesn't look irreparable, investigators told reporters that the structural damage was so severe that the whole place will probably need to be demolished for safety reasons.

HEALTH CAPSULE

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Manipal Hospitals Mysore

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LIFE'S ON

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'Meet the Author' event

Mysuru, June 2 - Nainy's World by Nanumals has organised ***'Meet the Author: C.P. Belliappa'*** at their Booktique known for Fashion, Books and Art, located at Ground Floor, Om Sai Complex, Doctors' Corner (7th Main, 9th Cross), Gokulam III Stage, Mysuru, on June 5 (Friday) from 5 pm to 7 pm.

Belliappa

He is the author of the following five books: *Tale of A Tiger's Tail and other Yarns from Coorg; Nuggets from Coorg History; Victoria Gowramma: The Lost Princess of Coorg (English and Kannada); Tongue of the Slip: Looking back on Life with Humour; Coorg Stories and Essays.*

On the occasion, Nanumals Books and Cultural Club will be inaugurated. C.P. Belliappa writes humour, history and human interest stories and is a contributor to websites, magazines and newspapers, including *Star of Mysore.*

WATER LEVEL

KRS DAM	KABINI DAM	HARANGI DAM
Maximum **124.80 feet**	Maximum **2,284 feet**	Maximum **2,859 feet**
Today's level **81.34 feet**	Today's level **2,251.76 feet**	Today's level **2,823.35 feet**
Last year's level **105.20 feet**	Last year's level **2,280.67 feet**	Last year's level **2,850.58 feet**
Yesterday's level **81.31 feet**	Yesterday's level **2,251.94 feet**	Yesterday's level **2,823.35 feet**
Today's Inflow **688 cusecs**	Today's Inflow **81 cusecs**	Today's Inflow **214 cusecs**
Today's Outflow **436 cusecs**	Today's Outflow **600 cusecs**	Today's Outflow **180 cusecs**

REALLY...?

- ***Football players spit so much because exercise increases the amount of protein in saliva.***
- ***A protein mucus named MUC5B makes your saliva thicker when you're exercising which makes it more difficult to swallow so we tend to spit more. It may occur during exercise because we breathe through our mouths more.***

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

Teacher: *Johnny, why did you throw your watch out of the classroom window?*
Johnny: *Because I wanted to see the time fly !!*

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= **Rs. 95.12**
1 UK Pound	= **Rs. 128.08**
1 UAE Dirham	= **Rs. 25.90**
1 Euro	= **Rs. 110.72**

VOICE OF THE READER

Clean the seats in train coaches

Sir,

I wish to bring to your notice an incident concerning the lack of cleanliness in Train No. 16552 operating between Mysuru's Ashokapuram and MGR Chennai Central. Several seats in the AC Chair Car Coach were found covered in dust and dirt, making them unfit for passengers to sit on comfortably.

When the issue was brought to the attention of the train's TTE, no satisfactory response was received. Passengers pay a higher fare expecting a safe and comfortable journey, but due to such negligence they are forced to endure inconvenience. This situation is unacceptable for travellers who have paid for quality service.

I request the railway authorities concerned to take immediate action and ensure proper cleanliness and maintenance of the Coaches so that passengers are not subjected to such difficulties in future.

— Syed Khizer

Mysuru
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Book on Nalwadi Wadiyar to be released on June 4

Mysuru, June 2 (GA&DM)- Writer Prof. S. Chandrashekar's Kannada work *'Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadeyaru Mattu Aadhunika Mysuru'* will be released at a programme organised under the joint aegis of Mysuru and Bengaluru Urban District Units of Kannada Sahitya Parishat and Kuvempu Institute of Kannada Studies (KIKS), at B.M. Shri auditorium in Manasagangothri, at 11 am on June 4.

Announcing this at a press meet here yesterday, Kannada Sahitya Parishat Bengaluru Urban District President M. Prakash Murthy said senior litterateur Baragur Ramachandrappa will release the book while KIKS Director Prof. Nanjaiah Honganur will preside. Critic Prof. O.L. Nagabhushanaswamy, Joint Commissioner of Commercial Taxes, Bengaluru, Sangamesh Upase, author Prof. S. Chandrashekar and others will be present, he said.

Mysuru District President of Kannada Sahitya Parishat Maddikere Gopal too addressed the press meet.

KIKS Director Prof. Nanjaiah Honganur was present.

Council polls: Notification

Bengaluru, June 2- The Election Commission on Monday issued notification for the biennial polls to seven vacant Legislative Council seats in Karnataka.

With the issuance of notification, the filing of nomination papers for 7 seats has begun and the last date for filing of nomination is June 8. Scrutiny of nomination papers will take place on June 9 and the deadline for withdrawal of papers is June 11.

The polling will be held on June 18 from 9 am to 4 pm, if necessary.

The seats are due to fall vacant on June 30 following the expiry of the term of sitting MLCs Govindaraju, Nasir Ahmed, Thippannappa and B.K. Hariprasad of Congress and MTB Nagaraj, Pratap Simha Nayak and Sunil Valyapure of BJP.

Though the filing of nomination papers has begun, the ruling Congress and the Opposition BJP are yet to announce their candidates for Council seats.

World Digestive Health Day

ISG Karnataka and Manipal Hospital's awareness campaign at Chamundi Hill

Mysuru, June 2- As part of World Digestive Health Day, the Karnataka Chapter of the Indian Society of Gastroenterology (ISG), in association with Manipal Hospital, Mysuru, organised a Digestive Health Awareness Campaign at Chamundi Hill.

More than 250 participants, including doctors, healthcare professionals, fitness enthusiasts, students, and members of the public took part in "Chamundi Hill Climbathon and Cleanliness Drive" recently.

Held under the theme, "A Small Effort for Your Digestive Health, A Giant Step Towards Better Well-being," the event aimed to raise awareness about the importance of digestive health, healthy lifestyle practices and preventive healthcare measures. A special cleanliness drive was conducted along the Hill steps, promoting environmental responsibility and community participation.

The awareness campaign, organised under the leadership of Dr. A.K. Satheesh Rao, Secretary, Karnataka Gastroenterology Association and Dr. H. P. Nandish, President, Karnataka Gastroenterology Association, was coordinated by Dr. Ramakrishna, Convenor, Mysuru Gastro Club.

Inaugurating the event, Dr. P.C. Kumaraswamy, District Health Officer (DHO), emphasised the importance of public awareness initiatives in building a healthier society. He encouraged young people to pay greater attention to their health and environmental conservation.

Dr. Satheesh Rao, Senior Consultant - Medical Gastroenterology and Hepatology, Manipal Hospital Mysuru & Secretary, Karnataka Gastroenterology Association, highlighted the significance of digestive health and stated, "The digestive system is as vital to the human body as the heart. The theme for this year's World Digestive Health Day is 'Chronic Diarrhoea: Don't Flush the Signs Away.'

Pramod Kunder, Cluster Director, Kasturba Medical College, Mangaluru & Manipal Hospital, Mysuru, said, "This campaign is a testament to our commitment towards promoting public health, preventive care and community well-being."

B.J. Sandeep Patel, Hospital Director, Manipal Hospital, also spoke. Dr. R. Nischay, Consultant - Medical Gastroenterology and Hepatology, Manipal Hospital and several distinguished guests were present.

Stranded in Kodagu, couple finally returns home in Iran

Chettalli (Kodagu), June 2 (BCT)- An Iranian couple with roots in Kodagu, who had been stranded in the district for several months amid escalating tensions in the Middle East, finally returned to Iran last week, bringing relief to their family.

Kodagu native Naveena Biddanda, a resident of Kanthur-Murnad and daughter of retired Air Force officer Biddanda D. Bopanna, has been married to Iranian national Nader Azizi for more than four decades. The couple met while working in Bengaluru, got married and later settled in Bojnord, Iran. They have two children, a civil engineer and an architect.

Naveena and Nader had travelled to Kodagu in December 2025 as part of their annual visit. However, what was meant to be a routine trip turned into an extended and uncertain stay after the conflict in West Asia disrupted flights and communication links.

The couple had booked tickets to return to Bojnord via Sharjah on Mar. 16 but the flight was cancelled due to the deteriorating situation in the region. A second booking for Apr. 15 also fell through, leaving them without a clear route back home.

Naveena Biddanda & Nader Azizi

As weeks passed, concerns grew over the impending expiry of their Indian visitor visas in May. Simultaneously, internet disruptions in Iran made it difficult for them to stay in touch with their children and grandchildren.

The family owns orchards in Iran, cultivating pomegranates, grapes, apples, blueberries, almonds, apricots, walnuts and pistachios. They are also engaged in the construction sector.

Despite repeated appeals to the Ministry of External Affairs, the couple received little clarity on safe travel options. Eventually, they managed to secure a route from Bengaluru via Oman and safely reached their home in Bojnord.

After nearly five months away, the reunion with their children and grandchildren brought immense joy to the family.

They recently celebrated their granddaughter's birthday together, marking a happy occasion after months of anxiety and uncertainty.

Iranian couple seen with family.

NEWS BRIEFS

Hostel admission

Backward Classes Welfare Department has invited online applications from eligible SC/ ST community and Backward Class students coming under Categories-1, 2A, 2B, 3A, 3B, for admission to Pre-Matric & Post-Matric Hostels run by the Department. Last date for applying for Pre-Matric Hostels is June 8 and that for Post-Matric Hostels is June 15. Eligible students can apply online [***https://shp.karnataka.gov.in/bcwd***] For details, contact Mob: 80507-70004.

Coaching classes

Netaji Career Academy, located on Krishna Vilas Road, Devaraja Mohalla, has organised a three-month-long coaching classes for PSTR/ GPSTR/ HSTR/ SSC/ Railway Recruitment Exams, starting from June 3. [Mob: 63641-16745 or 94807-09611]

Cancer Clinic

A free Cancer Detection Clinic has been organised at Preethi Cancer Centre in Lakshmipuram on June 4 from 10 am to 8 pm. For details, contact Ph: 0821-4259259.

Ph.D awardees

M.C. Usha Rani has been awarded Ph.D in Law by the University of Mysore (UoM), Mysuru, for her thesis 'Legal Regime on Right to Maintenance - A Critical Appraisal' submitted under the guidance of Dr. Ramesh.

K.M. Kavya has been awarded Ph.D in Physics by the University of Mysore (UoM) for her thesis 'Conformational Studies on GTPases Using Molecular Dynamics Simulation' [Guide: Dr. S. Krishnaveni]

Intermittent rain soaks city roads

Huge tree in front of DC's official residence uproots; sewage overflows from manhole at V.V. Mohalla

The tree in front of Deputy Commissioner's (DC) official residence, opposite Kalamandira, that fell on Mysuru-Hunsur Road in city yesterday. Picture right shows vehicle riders wading through sewage water overflowing from the manhole near Mathrumandali Circle in V.V. Mohalla.

Mysuru, June 2 (PM&BS)- The Cultural Capital Mysuru received mixed rainfall accompanied by heavy wind yesterday afternoon, with the incidents of trees falling down to the ground in full or part, witnessed in prominent localities.

Following the wind, a huge tree standing on the footpath in front of Deputy Commissioner's official residence, opposite Kalamandira, uprooted and fell on Mysuru-Hunsur Main Road, at around 4 pm. As the traffic was minimal at that time, there was neither any casualties nor damage to any vehicle, much to the relief of authorities concerned.

The uproot of the tree was caused by its weak roots. While the branches of the tree, which was tall in height, occupied the whole of the road horizontally, blocking regular traffic, forcing V.V. Puram Traffic Police to act swiftly, by diverting vehicles to interior roads.

The Abhaya staff of Mysuru City Corporation (MCC), who were summoned to the spot, removed the blockade in an hour-long operation, resuming the traffic at around 5 pm.

The branches of trees fell at Vivekananda Road in Yadavagiri, Hebbal, Vijayanagar 3rd Stage, Gokulam Main Road and other places, which were cleared on a warfooting by Abhaya staff.

By afternoon, the weather was cloudy, with the increase in wind velocity. The cloud burst indicated the downpour anytime, catching many off guard.

As anticipated, it began to rain, with heavy rainfall witnessed in some parts of the city including Nazarbad and Vijayanagar 3rd Stage and drizzling in other parts of the city, till the rain stopped after sometime.

The cloudy weather prevailed till night hours, but there was no recurrence in rainfall.

Near Mathrumandali Circle in V.V. Mohalla, the clogging in underground drainage (UGD) network caused by stormwater, resulted in sewage water overflowing from the manhole, inconveniencing vehicle goers.

The branches of a tree being removed with the help of a crane on Vivekananda Road in Yadavagiri.

Student loses Rs. 10.17 lakh to online fraudsters

Mysuru, June 2 (GA&KS)- A student, who opened the link of an advertisement in Instagram, has lost Rs. 10,17,580 to online fraudsters.

The student, who lost her money is Archana (name changed), a resident of Hosabandikeri, K.R. Mohalla in city.

Archana, while browsing her Instagram account came across an advertisement and clicked on the link displayed in the advertisement. Soon, she received a message on her WhatsApp pertaining to Work From Home (WFH) and Archana's details were also collected.

She later received a message which stated that Rs. 10 per review would be given to her for providing ratings for hotels and restaurants and a link was sent to the student on her Telegram app.

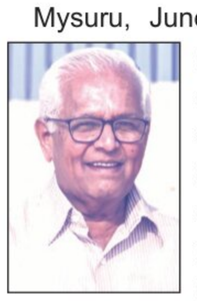
After registering her name, Archana gave reviews and ratings following which she was paid Rs. 180 and Rs. 200, which was deposited to her account. The online fraudsters then told her to invest money for which they would provide 30 percent interest.

Archana then invested some money for which interest was also given. Believing it to be genuine, Archana transferred Rs. 10,17,580 from her mother's and sister's bank account.

As she did not receive any communication or profit, she realised that she has been cheated and lodged a complaint at city's CEN Police Station.

Obituary

Prabhakar



Mysuru, June 2- Prabhakar (79), a resident of Kuvempunagar, passed away following a heart attack yesterday in city.

He leaves behind his wife Dr. Kausalya (sister of Kannada feminist writer, poetess and retired Professor C. Sarvamangala), one son, one daughter and a host of relatives and friends.

Prabhakar had started Max Motors in Bengaluru where he used to export bikes and cars. He later established a car service centre in Mysuru and was well known as a 'Car Doctor.'

Last rites were held at the foot of Chamundi Hill this morning.

Ayesha Bi

Ayesha Bi (Farzana Tabasum), daughter of Abdul Lateef, retired mechanic, Belagola Paper Mill and a resident of Bannimantap 2nd Stage, passed away following brief illness at a hospital in Bengaluru yesterday. She was 45.

A spinster, she leaves behind her father, one sister and a host of relatives and friends.

Namaz-e-Janaza was held today at Masjid Firdose at Bannimantap 'C' Layout at 1 pm, followed by the burial at the Muslim Burial Grounds near Tipu Circle.

Raghu

Srirangapatna: Raghu (Palahalli Society Raghu) of Srirangapatna taluk, passed away yesterday in the taluk. He was 70 and was the brother of Palahalli Ramakrishnappa, Founder of Sai Mandira at Gokulam in Mysuru.

He leaves behind his wife Anusuya, one son, one daughter and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held at the family's farm land this morning, according to family sources.

Palace 'Sound and Light' show ticket row

Palace Board denies charges, says online system soon

Mysuru, June 2 (PM&BCT)- A video posted on Instagram alleging irregularities at the ticket counter of the Mysore Palace 'Sound and Light Show' has gone viral. However, the Mysore Palace Board has denied the allegations.

In the video, a woman alleged that visitors are not being given the correct change while purchasing tickets. She claimed that after paying Rs. 500 for two tickets costing Rs. 120 each, the counter staff did not return the remaining Rs. 10.

She also complained that only cash payments are accepted, that there is no online ticketing facility and that tickets for the 7 pm show are issued through a single queue beginning at 6.30 pm.

CCTV camera monitoring

Responding to the allegations, Palace Board Deputy Director T.S. Subramanya categorically denied any malpractice. He said visitors have every right to demand the correct balance amount and can lodge a complaint with the Palace office if they are denied change.

He pointed out that every ticket receipt carries the name of the operator who issued it, making it possible to identify the staff member. In addition, all transactions at the ticket counter are monitored through CCTV cameras.

Alleged woman T.S. Subramanya

"If there is a genuine grievance, visitors should bring it to the notice of the Palace office so that appropriate action can be taken. Merely posting such allegations on social media serves no purpose," he said.

Online payment soon

Subramanya clarified that online payment facilities are already available for Palace entry tickets and that similar facilities for the 'Sound and Light Show' will be introduced shortly. He said the Palace Board is in the process of upgrading the show's infrastructure, including digital ticketing, to enhance transparency and convenience for visitors.

Addressing concerns over crowd management and ticket distribution, he said attendance on most days remains moderate, with around 250 to 300 visitors. On Saturdays, however, the show attracts nearly 800 spectators, necessitating additional seating arrangements and the conduct of two shows.

Explaining the ticketing process, he said Palace visiting hours conclude at 5.30 pm and visitors are required to leave the premises by 6.15 pm.

Ticket distribution for the 'Sound and Light Show' begins at 6.30 pm. Allegations that ticket sales continue until 7.40 pm, he said, were likely linked to the second show conducted on Saturdays.

Subramanya said that the 'Sound and Light Show' continues to be one of the Palace's most popular attractions, particularly during weekends.

He assured visitors that efforts are underway to modernise facilities and reiterated that complaints, if any, should be formally submitted to the Palace office for redressal rather than being circulated on social media.

Cops pat their own back!

(Continued from page 1)

After receiving a copy of the Court's injunction order, the Sub-Inspector instructed them to hand over the document to another officer and obtain an acknowledgement.

According to the visitor, Police officials did not summon the opposite party or issue any instructions regarding the disputed property, but advised the visitor to monitor the site themselves and alert the Police if any construction activity continues despite the Court order.

When the visitor asked for an acknowledgement, it was initially withheld and issued only after the Sub-Inspector intervened.

Feedback system violated

As they were leaving the Police Station, a woman Police Constable at the reception demanded a feedback on the visit through the 'Lok Spandana' system.

The visitors wanted to express their unhappiness about how casually their complaint was taken and how the erring party was not summoned to the Police Station.

When the visitor attempted to scan the QR code using her own mobile phone to give the feedback the lady constable told them to put their phone away as she would scan the QR on her phone which left the visitors confused.

The lady constable then pulled out her own mobile phone, scanned the QR code, entered the visitor's mobile number, completed the feedback process herself and then sought the One-Time Password (OTP) sent to the visitor's phone to submit the feedback.

The incident has raised concerns over whether citizens are being allowed to independently record their experiences. It raises the credibility of a system where the public is not allowed to enter their true feedback.

The 'Lok Spandana' system was introduced to encourage honest public feedback and address long-standing reluctance among visitors to report misconduct or poor treatment at Police Stations due to fear of repercussions.

Critics argue that if Police personnel themselves fill out feedback forms on behalf of visitors, it defeats the very purpose of the citizen-friendly initiative, which was designed to capture genuine public opinion and improve Police services.

Many citizens are now suggesting that instead of placing QR codes in the Police Station premises it should be made available to scan on the Mysuru Police website.

Will seek a report: Police Commissioner

Mysuru City Police Commissioner Seema Latkar told *Star of Mysore* that she would look into the matter. "After learning about the issue concerning the public feedback system at Metagalli Police Station, I will seek a report from the Inspector and conduct an inquiry," she said.

Metagalli Police Inspector Arun also assured action. "I will inquire with the staff concerned and take appropriate action based on the findings," he told *SOM*.

Rs. 189.49 cr. cyber crime busted

District Cyber Crime Cops arrest two from Maharashtra; prime accused absconding, says SP Mallikarjun Baladandi

Mysuru, June 2 (BLU&BS)- The District Cyber Crime Police have busted a major racket of inter-State cyber fraudsters, who had swindled a whopping Rs. 189.49 crore, through fraudulent means, by luring gullible jewellers through social media networks, offering gold bars at a lesser price, across the country.

SP Baladandi

Deploying the similar *modus operandi,* the racketeers, identified as Amit Singh alias Ani, from Punjab, Yatin Ramesh Jain and Mohammed Shadab Anjum from Maharashtra, had allegedly cheated Jitendra Kumar Khandelwal, a jeweller from K.R. Nagar in Mysuru district, in a meticulous manner.

While the prime accused Amit is on the run, the remaining two accused were arrested by a team of District Cyber Crime Police Inspector S.P. Sunil, in Maharashtra. They were produced before a Court here.

The arrests were carried out in a coordinated investigation conducted by the District Cyber Police and the Police personnel attached to K.R. Nagar Police station and those handling Central Equipment Identity Register (CEIR) Portal, to trace lost or stolen cell phones.

196 cyber complaints

Superintendent of Police (SP) Mallikarjun Baladandi told media persons at a press conference convened at his office auditorium here this morning, about 196 cyber crime complaints have been booked against 56 bank accounts being operated by the gang in different States, with the amount of money defrauded estimated at Rs. 189 crore and 48 lakhs.

Acting on the complaint of K.R. Nagar jeweller Khandelwal, on Jan. 27 this year, the Cyber Police had registered the case under Section 66 (D) of IT Act and BNS Sections 318 (4) and 319 (2).

Modus operandi

Khandelwal, who came in contact with the accused through WhatsApp, came in the words of the latter, who had offered to sell gold at the discounted rate of Rs. 600 per gram. He had credited Rs. 13.69 lakh to the bank accounts of the racketeers towards 100 grams of gold, he intended to buy from them. However, the accused went underground without supplying the gold, it is stated in the complaint.

Explaining about the *modus operandi* of this racket, SP Baladandi said, the accused targeted daily wage labourers and others, collected their bank account details and ATM cards, only to deceive the victims.

12 cases in State

In Karnataka alone, the accused were wanted in 12 cases, including the one in Mysuru district and were wanted in similar fraud cases reported across the country including Bihar, Odisha, Maharashtra and other States, said SP Baladandi.

The Police team, which cracked the case, acted under the guidance of SP Mallikarjun Baladandi, Additional SP-1 C. Mallick and Additional SP-2 L. Nagesh. The investigation team consisted of CEN Dy.SP R. Srikanth, Cyber Crime Inspector S.P. Suneel, PSI R. Lakshmi and staff S. Manjunath, H.V. Rangaswamy, G.S. Abhishek and C.N. Mahesh, with the officers handling CEIR Portal involved in tracking the accused.

How should 'Lok Spandana' system actually work?

Mysuru, June 2 (KS)- The 'Lok Spandana' public feedback mechanism enables citizens to rate their experience at Police Stations through a station-specific QR code.

After completing their work at a Police station, visitors are expected to scan the dynamic QR code displayed on the premises using their smartphones.

The scan opens a structured feedback form containing around 14 questions covering various aspects of service delivery.

Citizens can assess parameters such as the conduct and courtesy of Police personnel, responsiveness to requests, quality of service and the overall functioning of the Police Station.

They can also provide ratings and additional comments based on their experience.

Once submitted, the feedback is transmitted directly to senior officers, including the Mysuru City Police Commissioner and the respective Deputy Commissioners of Police (DCPs).

Police officials use the feedback to identify areas requiring improvement, initiate corrective action against erring personnel and recognise officers who provide citizen-friendly service.

Here at Metagalli Police Station, however, the Policemen are discouraging citizens and themselves entering the feedback, defeating the very purpose of the initiative.

Exclusive interview with acclaimed Historian and Researcher Dr. Vikram Sampath

'Mysuru inspired my journey into history'

From tech files to hidden archives: Celebrated author traces his journey from the corporate world to chronicling India's past and the rise of AI-driven translations

The journey of well-known historian Dr. Vikram Sampath has been an unusual one. He began his career in the corporate sector before deciding to pursue his passion for writing and research.

As he himself points out, history was never among his favourite subjects in school. Yet, he went on to build a distinguished career as a historian and author. Dr. Vikram Sampath has always been vocal about his books and the subjects he has chosen to explore.

His works on the Mysore Royal Family, Tipu Sultan and biographies of Veer Savarkar and Gauhar Jaan, among others, have been widely received by readers. While some of his works have attracted criticism, he has continued his research and writing undeterred.

Founder of the Archive of Indian Music and Foundation for Indian Historical and Cultural Research (FIHCR) and Co-founder of NAAV AI, Dr. Vikram Sampath was in Mysuru on Saturday for the release of *'Nanna Hesaru Gauhar Jaan,'* **the Kannada AI translation of his book** *'My Name is Gauhar Jaan: The Life and Times of a Musician.'*

The event was held at the Jagannatha Centre for Art and Culture (JCAC) in Vijayanagar 1st Stage. *Star of Mysore* **caught up with the historian to talk about his journey as a writer and entrepreneur. Excerpts...**

By S.N. Venkatnag Sobers

Star of Mysore (SOM): Being an engineer and mathematician who worked in the corporate world, what inspired you to become a historian?

Dr. Vikram Sampath: I think the inspiration to become a historian came from Mysuru. That is why the city is so special to me. When I was around 12 or 13 years old, I was deeply disturbed by the way the Mysore Royal Family was portrayed in the TV serial *'The Sword of Tipu Sultan.'* That set me on a journey of self-discovery about the Wadiyars.

After nearly 10 years of researching the dynasty, which ruled for about 600 years, my first book, *'Splendours of Royal Mysore: The Untold Story of the Wodeyars,'* was published in 2008. That sparked a deeper interest in history.

My second book, on Gauhar Jaan, also had its origins in Mysuru. In many ways, Mysuru has been fundamental to my journey as a historian. I later went on to earn a Ph.D in History from the University of Queensland, Australia. But the journey began in Mysuru and I owe a great deal to this city.

SOM: How do you view your journey from being a corporate professional to becoming one of the most popular writers of the modern era?

Dr. Vikram Sampath: I feel extremely grateful because very few people get the opportunity to turn their passion into their profession. I was doing well in the corporate sector, but it was never my real interest. Later, I also worked in the Government sector and briefly served as Director of the Southern Centre of the Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts. I spent some time in administration, but that too was not where my heart lay.

Today, through my writing and the two organisations I have built, the non-profit FIHCR and the startup NAAV AI, which I co-founded with Sandeep Singh Chauhan, I am doing work that I genuinely enjoy.

As I said earlier, very few people get the chance to make their passion their profession. When that happens, you do not spend your life regretting what you do, which was often how I felt during my corporate career.

> **"There are frequent debates about protecting Kannada, Marathi, Tamil and other languages. But languages do not survive merely because Governments pass laws. They survive when quality content is created and consumed in those languages. When a Kannada writer is read in Bengal, Assam or Kashmir and when writers from those regions are read in Karnataka, languages grow stronger."**

SOM: You have been involved in archiving old musical, literary and other artistic works. However, India is not doing enough to preserve its archives. What is your view?

Dr. Vikram Sampath: I think we do not have enough regard for our history, monuments and artefacts. Forget preservation; we often fail to make these stories interesting enough for young people to relate to. That is something we need to address.

The Government has placed considerable emphasis on Digital India and initiatives such as the 'Gyan Bharatam Mission' for manuscript preservation are steps in the right direction. However, much more needs to be done because we are losing valuable artefacts, knowledge and cultural resources at an alarming rate.

Dr. Vikram Sampath signs his book for readers at an event in Mysuru.

SOM: Can you tell us about your thought process while writing a book on historical events or personalities?

Dr. Vikram Sampath: Firstly, I never thought I had chosen a topic. I always feel that the subject has chosen me. Gauhar Jaan, for instance, perhaps felt I was a worthy instrument through whom her story could be told. That is why the book is titled *'My Name is Gauhar Jaan.'* She is telling her story through my pen.

The same applies to many of my subjects. Even the book on the Wadiyars was never planned. My life has been full of serendipitous moments and happy accidents. I do not spend too much time over-analysing what I should write next. The subjects come to me naturally and there is certainly no shortage of fascinating stories waiting to be told.

SOM: Now that you are also involved in Artificial Intelligence (AI), what do you make of the criticism against its use?

Dr. Vikram Sampath: There will always be critics of any new technology. Gauhar Jaan's life is symbolic of that. When she embraced recording technology, many people opposed it. But today, you would not be able to record anything on your phone if pioneers like her had not taken that step.

AI is similar. Whether you like it or not, it is going to become all-pervasive. AI is here to stay. Just because someone dislikes, it does not mean it will disappear. Instead of fearing or resisting it, people should focus on upskilling themselves.

When computers first arrived, there were fears that people would lose their jobs. Instead, people adapted, learned to use computers and found better opportunities. I believe the same applies to AI.

SOM: As a writer, you have been outspoken about your work. Whether it is your books on Tipu Sultan or Savarkar, they have attracted considerable backlash. How do you deal with it?

Dr. Vikram Sampath: Once you place your book in the public domain, you must be prepared for criticism. You cannot expect everyone to praise your work. It is like a good film. Some critics may dismiss it, while others may love it. That is part of the game. Criticism does not discourage me, nor does excessive praise make me lose my grounding.

As long as you have the conviction that what you have done is right and your conscience is clear, what matters is the soundness of your research and methodology. If I am confident about that, what others say does not matter too much.

SOM: How did NAAV AI come into being?

Dr. Vikram Sampath: In fact, it began with my own book on the Mysore Royal Family, which was published in 2008 and is yet to be translated into Kannada.

Sandeep Singh Chauhan, Co-founder of NAAV AI, is a close friend who comes from a strong technology background. I was discussing with him whether technology could help translate books into Indian languages more efficiently. NAAV AI emerged quite organically from those conversations.

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We were fortunate to receive early support from Ola CEO Bhavish Aggarwal, US-based entrepreneur Asha Jadeja and Bengaluru-based investors Prashanth Prakash and Subroto Mitra. They believed in our vision, invested in the company and today we are about one-and-a-half years old.

SOM: What are the plans for NAAV AI?

Dr. Vikram Sampath: We have many projects in the pipeline, including several Government assignments. Our focus is on translating long-form content such as books, newspaper articles and magazines into Indian languages. At present, we work with around 12 Indian languages and five to six foreign languages. We are also involved in live translation services and audiobooks. We plan to expand further into video and other technology-driven solutions.

We have ambitious plans, particularly in areas such as education and knowledge dissemination. As I often say, English is understood and consumed by only about 5 to 6 percent of India. To reach the rest of the country, quality content must be available in Indian languages.

There are frequent debates about protecting Kannada, Marathi, Tamil and other languages. But languages do not survive merely because Governments pass laws. They survive when quality content is created and consumed in those languages.

When a Kannada writer is read in Bengal, Assam or Kashmir and when writers from those regions are read in Karnataka, languages grow stronger. Technology must serve as that bridge and enabler. NAAV AI is working towards exactly that goal: Taking Indian voices across linguistic boundaries within the country and beyond, through translations into foreign languages as well.

After Kodagu visit, Durga Stalin calls on GTD family in Mysuru

Mysuru, June 2 (MTY& BCT)- Former Tamil Nadu Chief Minister and DMK President M.K. Stalin's wife Durga Stalin, called on Chamundeshwari MLA G.T. Devegowda (GTD) at his residence in V.V. Mohalla yesterday evening, where she was accorded a warm welcome.

While Stalin and his son Udhayanidhi Stalin travelled from Kodagu to Tamil Nadu, Durga Stalin remained in Mysuru for a few hours, keeping her visit low-key and away from political engagements.

GTD's daughter D. Annapurna and her husband Vishweshwaraiah, popularly known as Babanna, a businessman, share a long-standing acquaintance with the Stalin family. Annapurna, accompanied by her family, personally received the guests.

Former Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M.K. Stalin's wife Durga Stalin** (centre) **called on Chamundeshwari MLA G.T. Devegowda (GTD) at his residence in V.V. Mohalla yesterday evening as GTD's daughter Annapurna, Durga Stalin's sister Jayanti, GTD's wife Lalitha Devegowda, GTD, former Tiruvallur MLA Rajendran's wife Indira Rajendran and Annapurna's husband Vishweshwaraiah alias Babanna look on.

Arriving from Kodagu, Durga Stalin, accompanied by her sister Jayanti, Indira Rajendran, wife of former Tiruvallur MLA Rajendran and an aide Rajkumar, began the day with breakfast at a hotel on the Outer Ring Road.

They later visited Nimishamba Temple in Srirangapatna and Sri Chamundeshwari Temple atop Chamundi Hill in Mysuru.

Annapurna told *Star of Mysore* this morning that Durga Stalin contacted her over the phone and informed her that she was in Mysuru and would visit the family after offering prayers at the temples.

After lunch at Radisson Blu Plaza Hotel, the group visited GTD's residence in V.V. Mohalla at around 3.30 pm. Members of Devegowda family extended traditional hospitality and presented a memento.

In a light-hearted moment, Durga Stalin reportedly remarked to GTD, "I am former, you are current," referring to her husband M.K. Stalin's former status.

GTD responded warmly, wishing her and her family all the best in the days ahead.

GTD's wife Lalitha Devegowda and other family members were present on the occasion. Former Corporators Prema Shankaregowda and Bhagya Madesh were also in attendance.

Before concluding her brief stay in Mysuru, Durga Stalin visited the Karnataka Silk Industries Corporation (KSIC) showroom, where she purchased Mysore Silk sarees. The group later departed from Mysore Airport in the Chennai-bound flight at 7 pm.

Stalin's convoy rerouted in Kodagu to avoid protests

Madikeri, June 2 (PS&BCT)- After the conclusion of the Tamil Nadu Assembly elections, former Tamil Nadu Chief Minister and DMK President M.K. Stalin and his family, including his son Udhayanidhi Stalin, undertook a private visit to Kodagu and Mysuru districts.

M.K. Stalin

Yesterday, Kodagu Police ensured the safe passage for Stalin and his family back to Tamil Nadu by diverting their convoy through an alternate route to avoid planned protests.

Hindu activists had announced demonstrations against derogatory remarks made by Stalin and his son Udhayanidhi Stalin on *Sanatana Dharma.*

Stalin, who had been staying with his family at a private resort in Kodagu for the past four days, was originally scheduled to travel via Madikeri-Kushalnagar-Mysuru Highway. However, following intelligence inputs about proposed protests, the Police rerouted the convoy through Siddapur and Periyapatna.

Activists in Kushalnagar had planned to stage a black-flag protest near Guddehosur as the convoy passed through the town. In anticipation of the demonstration, the Police deployed additional personnel across Kushalnagar and surrounding areas, with armed Police and other security personnel stationed at sensitive locations.

Kushalnagar Circle Inspector Pradeep Kumar oversaw the security arrangements.

Despite the change in route, a group of protesters gathered near Ganapathi Temple in Kushalnagar and raised slogans against Stalin and Udhayanidhi Stalin. The protest remained peaceful and no untoward incidents were reported.

Police said Stalin and his family travelled safely via the alternate route through Periyapatna before entering Tamil Nadu through Mysuru.

Lobby... lobby... to be Minister

(Continued from page 1)

Chief Minister-designate D.K. Shivakumar and outgoing Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, who left for New Delhi yesterday on a special flight from Bengaluru, have remained there, holding discussions with the party leadership on the composition of the new Cabinet. Both leaders are expected to return to Bengaluru later this evening or tomorrow morning.

Several senior Congress MLAs and former Ministers who were part of the Siddaramaiah Cabinet have been in Delhi for the past few days, actively lobbying for ministerial positions in the n ew Government.

At the same time, some senior legislators and multi-term MLAs are pressing for the creation of at least three Deputy Chief Minister posts to ensure caste representation and regional balance.

However, it remains unclear whether Shivakumar alone will take oath as Chief Minister tomorrow or whether some Ministers will also be sworn in alongside him. The structure and composition of the new Cabinet had not been finalised by the party high command as this newspaper went to press.

Meanwhile, former MP D.K. Suresh, brother of CM-designate Shivakumar, visited Lok Bhavan this morning and reviewed the preparations for swearing-in ceremony. He was accompanied by several Congress leaders.

Disruption in power supply on June 3, 4

Mysuru, June 2- As Chamundeshwari Electricity Supply Corporation (CESC) has taken up underground cable laying works in Jyothinagar Sub-Division limits, power supply will be disrupted on June 3 and 4 between 9 am and 6 pm in the following areas:

June 3: JSS Layout, Shaktinagar, Teachers Layout, Dr. Rajkumar Road (Teresian College Circle to Ganesha temple).

June 4: Dr. Rajkumar Road (Teresian College Circle to Yaraganahalli), Raghavendranagar, according to a press release from CESC Executive Engineer, N.R. Mohalla Division.

UoM to prepare renovation plan for Dr. S. Radhakrishnan Centre

Mysuru, June 2 (BLU&BCT)- The dilapidated condition of the 'Dr. S. Radhakrishnan Centre for Philosophy and Indian Culture' in Saraswathipuram, where former President and renowned Philosopher Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan once lived, came up for discussion at the University of Mysore (UoM) Academic Council meeting yesterday.

A portion of the bungalow on the left side has collapsed, while plaster has peeled off at several places inside the building, raising concerns about the condition of the heritage structure.

During the meeting, chaired by Vice-Chancellor Prof. N.K. Lokanath at Crawford Hall, Legislative Council Member K. Vivekananda drew the attention of the meeting to the collapse of a section of the roof.

Referring to a *Star of Mysore* report published on May 17 under the headline 'UoM locks crumbling Dr. Radhakrishnan Centre,' Vivekananda warned that the century-old building could fall into complete ruin if restoration works were not taken up immediately.

He noted that the lack of periodic maintenance after the restoration has now pushed the heritage structure back to the brink and as a result, rainwater stagnation on the roof has weakened the structure considerably.

The dilapidated condition of 'Dr. S. Radhakrishnan Centre for Philosophy and Indian Culture' in Saraswathipuram. Picture right shows Vice-Chancellor Prof. N.K. Lokanath chairing the Academic Council meeting at Crawford Hall in city yesterday.

Stressing the historical significance of the structure, he urged the University to undertake restoration either through its own resources or by mobilising support from donors. He emphasised that any renovation should preserve the building's original architectural character. Vivekananda also offered to pursue financial assistance from both the State and Central Governments and suggested that a joint delegation meet Ministers and senior officials, including Union Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy, to seek support for the restoration project.

Responding to the concerns, Prof. Lokanath assured the Council that a detailed renovation plan would be prepared. He said, a letter had already been sent to the Archaeology Department and agreed to lead a delegation to submit proposals to the State and Central authorities.

During the meeting, Vivekananda also highlighted the University's financial difficulties, attributing them to large-scale appointments made during previous administrations.

He said that the situation had affected the payment of salaries, pensions and research scholarships and urged the authorities to address the issue at the earliest.

Time is ripe for scribes to write bitter truth: Horatti

Kudli Gururaj's book *'Sadhaneya Shikaragalu'* released

Chairman of State Legislative Council Basavaraj Horatti** (third from right) **releasing the book** 'Sadhaneya Shikaragalu,' **a collection of articles by senior journalist Kudli Gururaj** (centre)**, at Mini Theatre in Kalamandira premises yesterday, along with KUWJ President Shivanand Tagadur, journalist Prakash Babu and others.

Mysuru, June 2 (MTY&BS)- Chairman of State Legislative Council Basavaraj Horatti has said, time is ripe for the journalists to write about bitter truth.

He was speaking after releasing the book *'Sadhaneya Shikaragalu,'* a collection of articles of senior journalist Kudli Gururaj, organised by Bharati Prakashana, at Mini Theatre in Kalamandira premises here yesterday.

Horatti said, the media has its own significance and should resolve towards bringing reforms in the society. The media has also transformed along with the time and so also the field of politics. The cream of politicians, journalists and the people, who existed then, have gone extinct. However, it's media that informs people about the activities of Legislative, Executive and Judiciary, considered as the three pillars. Hence, the journalists shoulder enhanced responsibility and time has come to write the bitter truth.

"It is laudable that, the journalists vouch to write and unearth the truth, ignoring the pulls and pressure from their owners of media houses," said Horatti. Horatti appreciated the way acting CM Siddaramaiah, stepped down from the office to allow smooth transition of power, setting a rare precedent in the country.

Author and journalist Prakash Babu spoke about the book. MLC K. Shivakumar, journalist Madan Gowda, KUWJ President Shivanand Tagadur and B.N. Srinivas of Bharati Prakashana were present.

MYSORE RACES 2026

(By Our Racing Correspondent)

'RIVER OF GOLD' for Varahi Trophy

Mysuru, June 2- Following are the selections for the 2nd day of Mysore Summer Races to be held here on Wednesday — June 3, 2026:

1.	1.30 PM	THE BALAMURI PLATE - DIV. II	1400 mts. - rated 00 to 25 *1. ALLURING BEAUTY 2. ARTICLE FIFTEEN*
2.	2.00 PM	THE PRINCE REGENT PLATE	1100 mts. - rated 20 to 45 *1. KING SCARFACE 2. BIOMETRIC*
3.	2.30 PM	THE BALAMURI PLATE- DIV. I	1400 mts. - rated 00 to 25 *1. PERFECT HEART 2. GIMME*
4.	3.00 PM	THE KOLAR PLATE - DIV. II	1400 mts. - rated 20 to 45 *1. SANDS OF DUBAI 2. NATURAL LOOK*
5.	3.30 PM	THE RED SATIN PLATE	1200 mts. - rated 60 and above *1. VANDHIYATHEVAN 2. CONSTANT VARIABLE*
6.	4.00 PM	THE VARAHI TROPHY	1200 mts. - rated 40 to 65 *1. RIVER OF GOLD 2. FALCON FURY*
7.	4.30 PM	THE KOLAR PLATE - DIV . I	1400 mts. - rated 20 to 45 *1.MIND GAMES 2. COSETTE*
8.	5.00 PM	THE NAGAMANGALA PLATE	1400 mts. - rated 40 to 65 *1. PRINCE CORPORATE 2. AURELE*

DAY'S BEST: *SANDS OF DUBAI*

DOUBLE: *1. KING SCARFACE 2. PRINCE CORPORATE*

JACKPOT: *5, 6, 7, 8*

MINI JACKPOT: *5,6,7,8*

I TREBLE: *1, 2, 3* ***II TREBLE:*** *3, 4, 5* ***III TREBLE:*** *6, 7, 8*

EXACTAS: *1 to 8*

—Tipster PGC

WORD OF THE DAY

Palatable

Pronunciation: PAL-uh-tuh-bul (adjective).
Meaning: Palatable describes something that has a pleasant or agreeable taste, or that is pleasant or acceptable to someone.
Origin: It may be a coincidence that you can't spell the word palatable without all of the letters in plate (the two words are etymologically unrelated), but this fact may help you remember that palatable is synonymous with a host of words that can describe an enjoyable meal, from tasty to toothsome. Alternatively, you could just stick your finger in your mouth and touch the roof of your mouth, aka your palate. As the palate was once considered the seat of one's sense of taste, so the word palate eventually came to refer to both a literal and figurative sense of taste (as in "architecture too ornate for my palate"). The adjective palatable arose from palate (via the now-rare verb palate defined in our Unabridged dictionary as "to taste or relish") in the 17th century, and functions similarly. Seasonings from adobo to za'atar make food more palatable, certainly, but ideas and advice can be made more palatable, too. As a wise woman once sang, a spoonful of sugar helps the medicine go down.
Example: "[Toni] Morrison's work was not meant to be a palatable salve. Instead, surprise and provocation are the ingredients of her fiction."
— Edna Bonhomme, The New Republic, 6 Mar. 2026.

THE ODD WORD

Palaeobiology
Study of fossil plants and animals.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Beside oneself

Meaning: The phrase 'Beside oneself' describes a distressed person in an extreme emotional state, brought by a situation that causes one to be out of his wit and senses.
Origin: The first recorded use of the term is in the Old testament (Acts 26:24): "Paul, thou art beside thyself; much learning makes thee mad." The meaning of 'Beside oneself' in the verse is that Paul's anger has driven him to the point of madness, however nowadays it describes a situation where a person is at an extreme mode of an emotion, such as happiness, sadness, madness or any other emotion.
Example: "I know Daniel saw your girlfriend at movies last night with another man, but there's no reason to be beside yourself, he's probably her cousin."

QUOTE BOX

Only those who will risk going too far can possibly find out how far one can go. **— T.S. Eliot**

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

Answer: Teabag.

SUDOKU

5					7		1	9
6					4			
		7		8		3		
2	8			4				
		1	5		3	2		
				9			6	1
		9		5		1		
			4					5
7	3		1					6

Answer to previous puzzle

3	1	5	8	7	2	6	4	9
4	7	2	1	6	9	8	3	5
8	9	6	4	3	5	1	7	2
6	5	8	9	2	7	4	1	3
1	3	4	5	8	6	9	2	7
9	2	7	3	1	4	5	8	6
7	6	1	2	5	8	3	9	4
2	8	9	6	4	3	7	5	1
5	4	3	7	9	1	2	6	8

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

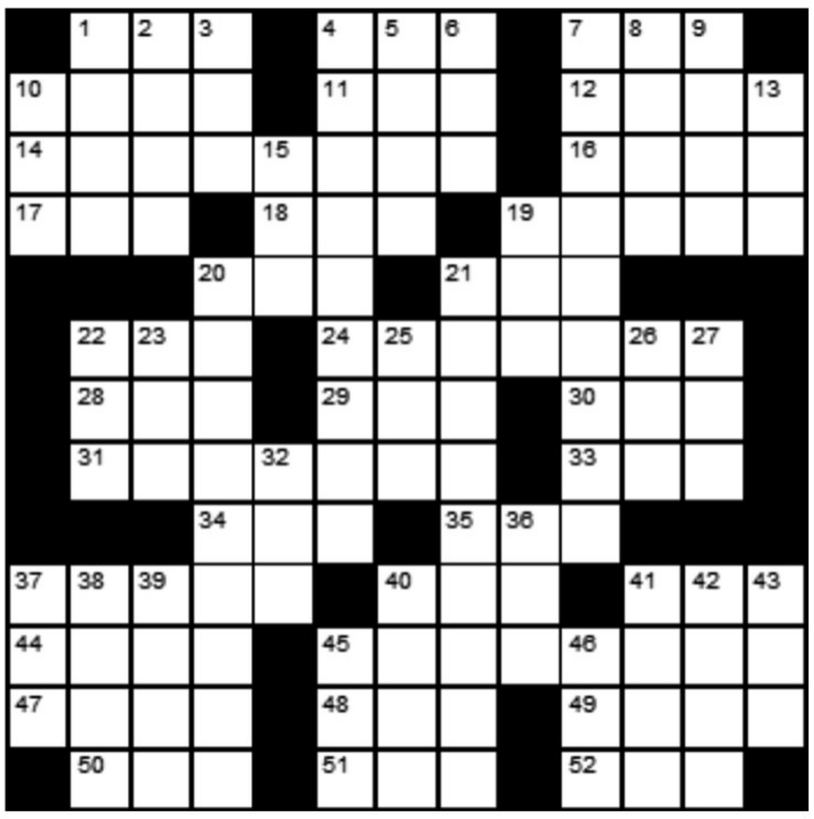
CROSS WORD

ACROSS:
1 Circuit
4 __ Mahal : wonder at Agra?
7 FDR's successor
10 Coarse stiff hair
11 Radio Mgmnt. Unit
12 Inspired wonder
14 Cloudy
16 Trim
17 Cleaning agent
18 Some promos
19 Verse or poem
20 Unseal - poetically speaking !
21 Afternoon refresher
22 Plant juice
24 Exhales violently
28 Fish eggs
29 Mentally deranged
30 Battery size
31 Middle Easterner
33 Small carpet
34 Barley beard
35 Strange
37 Waterfall slide
40 Twin brother of Kush
41 Body of water
44 ___ Contractor : ex-India cricket captain?
45 Refrained, abstained or halted
47 Indian leavened bread
48 Apply lubricants to
49 A group of cattle, for example
50 Ring Laser Gyro
51 Contrary vote
52 Rock musician Brian

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

S	O	N			E	M	P		T	E	L	
A	R	E	S		F	L	U		A	P	A	E
T	E	E	T	O	T	A	L		H	I	K	E
			A	E	S			N	I	C	H	E
T	H	E	I	R		C	Y	A	N			
S	A	I	D			H	A	V	I	N	G	
E	R	N			I	A	M			I	L	O
	P	E	T	A	L	S			E	N	O	S
			S	A	K	E		S	K	E	W	S
O	D	O	U	R			L	I	I			
W	E	I	R		S	H	U	N	N	I	N	G
N	O	L	I		P	A	L		G	R	A	B
	L	S	S		Y	S	L			A	N	S

DOWN
1 Tax; duty
2 It fits to _ ___ (it fits perfectly) (1,3)
3 On ___ : of equal status or footing?
4 Shopkeepers
5 Aeronautical Mobile Satellite Serv.
6 __ out : protrude outward
7 At random, indiscriminate
8 Influence
9 A specified period of time
10 The sun in Spain
13 The fourth letter by the sound of it?
15 Head covering
19 Female ruff
20 Performing a surgery?
21 In a dull and boring manner
22 __ Lanka : our southerly neighbour?
23 Ancient Order of the Shepherds
25 ___ Sarovar : bird sanctuary in Gujarat?
26 Water in France
27 To sink in the middle
32 Reverence or respect
36 Five hundred and six in Roman numerals
37 Cable News Network, in short
38 A sea-fog - "Ahar" anagram ?
39 Russian mountain range
40 Star Wars princess
41 Lightweight sub-machine gun
42 Architect Saarinen
43 Tack on
45 Title role for Big B and SRK
46 Pronoun for a girl



CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

ANHSH QZ FD HHP ZD ZGEPP YVA

QA NDKHZ AD YHTDGH E JNEPH.

TODAY'S CLUE: H EQUALS E

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: Tradition is what you resort to when you don't have the time and money to do it right.

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- **Gayathri Theatre** — **Ph: 2443568**
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  Karuppu (Ta) - 4 Shows
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Lo Naveena (K)	(S-1)	10.30 am, 4.15 pm
Karuppu (Ta)	(S-1)	1.05 pm, 7 pm
Drishyam 3 (Ma)	(S-1)	10.05 pm
	(S-4)	7.05 pm
Drishyam 3 (K)	(S-2)	10 am, 9.50 pm
	(S-3)	1.05 pm, 4.15 pm
Blast (Ta)	(S-2)	1.10 pm
Krishnavataram Part 1 (H)	(S-2)	4.10 pm
Kattalan (Ma)	(S-2)	7.15 pm
Michael (E)	(S-3)	10.25 am
Obsession (E)	(S-3)	7.30 pm
	(S-4)	1.30 pm
Karakkam (Ma)	(S-3)	10 pm
Karuppu (Ta)	(S-4)	10 am, 4 pm, 10.20 pm

MOVIES AT MYSURU VISION CINEMAS Ph: 2973519

Karuppu (Ta)	:	1 pm, 6.35 pm, 9 pm
Drishyam 3 (Ma)	:	1.15 pm, 9.15 pm
Drishyam 3 (K)	:	4.10 pm
KD (K)	:	1.20 pm, 6.30 pm
Lo Naveena (K)	:	1.25 pm, 4.15 pm, 6.45 pm
Blast (Ta)	:	3.50 pm, 9.25 pm
Kattalan (Ma)	:	4.05 pm, 9.15 pm

MOVIES AT NEXUS MALL

Drishyam 3 (Ma)	:	10.05 am, 1.20 pm
		7.15 pm, 10.30 pm
Chand Mera Dil (H)	:	10.20 am, 7 pm
Passenger (E)	:	10.20 am, 7.50 pm
Kattalan (Ma)	:	10.30 am, 4.15 pm, 10 pm
Kattalan (H)	:	2 pm, 7.35 pm
Karuppu (Ta)	:	10.40 am, 1.05 pm, 6.50 pm
Lo Naveena (K)	:	11.20 am, 1.10 pm, 4.35 pm
Obsession (E)	:	12.30 pm, 5.25 pm, 10.20 pm
Michael (E)	:	1.50 pm
The Great Grand Superhero (H)	:	2.55 pm, 7.50 pm
Pati Patni Aur Woh Do (H)	:	4.25 pm
Blast (Ta)	:	4.35 pm, 10.10 pm
Krishnavataram Part 1: The Heart (H)	:	4.35 pm
Khalnayak (1993) (H)	:	9.50 pm
Karakkam (Ma)	:	10 pm

MOVIES AT GARUDA MALL

Drishyam 3 (Ma)	:	10.05 am, 4 pm, 10.30 pm
Drishyam 3 (K)	:	1.25 pm, 7.15 pm
Kattalan (Ma)	:	10.40 am, 4.25 pm, 10.10 pm
Karuppu (Ta)	:	10.45 am, 1.15 pm, 7 pm
Lo Naveena (K)	:	10.45 am, 1.20 pm
		4.20 pm 7.40 pm
The Great Grand Superhero (H)	:	1.50 pm, 7 pm
Blast (Ta)	:	4.40 pm, 10.20 pm
Gajanana Cricketers Janthottu Since 1983 (Tulu)	:	9.30 pm

Sri Uttaradi Mutt Seer releases book

'Kanakadasara Mundigegala Chintane'

'Dasa Chintanamani' Padma Venkatesh's book** 'Kanakadasara Mundigegala Chintane (Artha Sahita)' **was released by 1008 Sri Satyatma Teertha Swamiji of Sri Uttaradi Mutt on the occasion of the 9th Anniversary celebrations of Sourabha Dasa Sahitya Vidyalaya at Uttaradi Mutt in city on May 29.

EVENTS TODAY (JUNE 2)

- **Sri Srinivasaswamy Temple, Tilak Nagar:** Sri Srinivasaswamy Annual Mahotsava, Ankurarpane, Temple premises, **6 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (JUNE 3)

- **Sri Srinivasaswamy Temple, Tilak Nagar:** Sri Srinivasaswamy Annual Mahotsava, Abhisheka, **9 am;** Raksha Bandhana and Kalyanotsava, Temple premises, **6 pm.**

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MOVIES AT MALL OF MYSORE

Kattalan (Ma)	:	10.10 am, 4.55 pm, 10.10 pm
Karuppu (Ta)	:	10.15 am, 3.40 pm, 10 pm
Drishyam 3 (Ma)	:	10.50 am, 7.05 pm, 9.30 pm
Drishyam 3 (K)	:	11.45 am, 3 pm, 6.15 pm
KD (K)	:	12.45 pm
Blast (Ta)	:	1.25 pm, 10.20 pm
September 21 (K)	:	2.05 pm
Lo Naveena (K)	:	4.25 pm, 7.30 pm
Gajanana Cricketers Janthottu Since 1983 (Tulu)	:	6.50 pm

MOVIES AT CENTRO MALL

Drishyam 3 (Ma)	:	11.15 am, 2.30 pm
		5.45 pm, 9 pm
Drishyam 3 (K)	:	6.15 pm
Gajendra C/o Doddarasinakere (K)	:	11.55 am
Kattalan (Ma)	:	11.55 am, 2.30 pm
		7.25 pm, 10 pm
Blast (Ta)	:	12.35 pm, 6.45 pm
Gajanana Cricketers Janthottu Since 1983 (Tulu)	:	3.05 pm
Karuppu (Ta)	:	3.35 pm, 9.45 pm
Karakkam (Ma)	:	5.05 pm
Athiradi (Ma)	:	9.30 pm

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there is no minimum audience of 15.

Pratibha Puraskar by Brahmana Sangha

Mysuru, June 2- Muguru Karnataka Brahmana Sangha, Mysuru, has invited applications from community students to present Pratibha Puraskar at a programme to be held at Sri Sharada Niketan on JLB Road in city on June 14 at 5 pm.

Those who have secured more than 90% marks in SSLC and PUC exams in 2025-26 in State & Central syllabus and those with more than 85% marks in CBSE syllabus can apply.

Applications, along with copies of marks card, Aadhaar card and two passport size photographs, should be submitted by 5 pm on June 8.

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